Safety of blood and blood products:

Another important measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the 45 surveillance centres.

To ensure safety of blood products, all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given necessary instructions.

For clinical management of AIDS cases facilities, have been/are being developed at 13 medical colleges/hospitals of the country including All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Quantity and cost of crude oil and Petroleum Products imported

1228. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and cost of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had set up an inter-ministerial working group to formulate action plan to contain the demand of oil and petroleum products in the country;

(c) whether the group has submitted its report and if so, what are the main findings thereof; and

(d) what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The quantity and value of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last three years are as under:

	1987-88		1988-89*		1989-90*	
	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ Crores)	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ (Crores)	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ (Crores)
Crude Oil . . .	17.73	2986	17.81	2863	19.49	4090
Petroleum Products .	3.95	979	6.26	1515	6.54	2228
TOTAL .	21.68	3965	24.07	4378	26.03	6318

*Provisional.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Group has submitted its report recently which is under consideration of the Government.

Population Explosion in India

1229. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 1990 world population report released by the United Nations Population Fund has predicted that India's population may hit 1.446 billion mark by year 2025 A.D. and may eventually surpass that of China;

(b) what are Government's own population projections as compared to that of the World Bank; and

(c) what are the plans to check this growing population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI